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For: USE OF A PLANT OIL PRODUCT AS
AN AGENT FOR INCREASING THE
SYNTHESIS OF SKIN LIPIDS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2010, setting forth an Election of Species Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required Applicants to (i) elect a single disclosed species relating to a skin condition for claim 61 and 91; and (ii) elect a single disclosed species relating to a mode of administration for claim 76.

Foremost, Applicants note that this is the third Requirement for Election of Species (the first mailed on May 3, 2007; the second mailed on November 10, 2008). Not only is this the third Requirement for Election of Species, but the requirement is the same to that previously presented on May 3, 2007 and, with regard to the skin condition, identical to that mailed on November 10, 2008.